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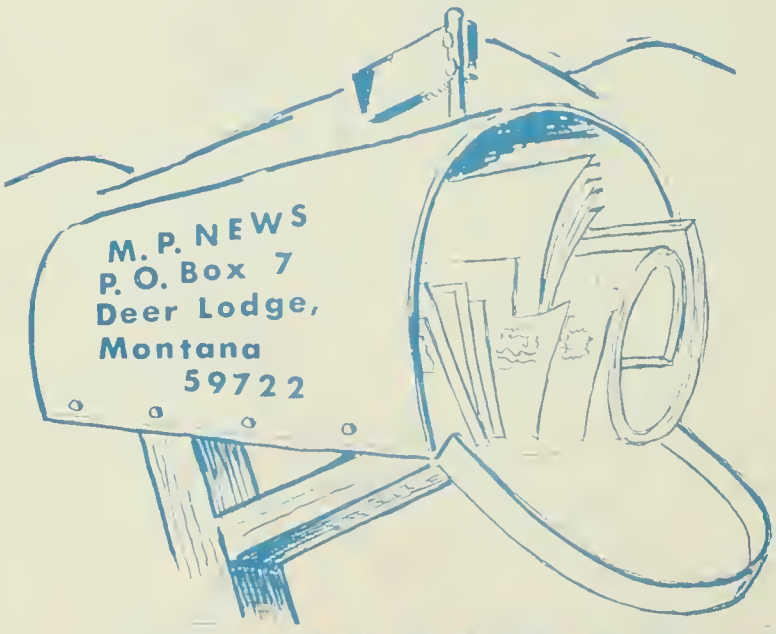

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Editorial TIMES

END! 1971

WHAT HAPPENED? I MADE IT!!!!! Thus comes an instant change over the person who has made his parole.

Many people have asked if the M.S. News would publish a day of an inmate, and what he goes through. It is the purpose of this article to give the reader a little better understanding of what an inmate goes through, and looks forward to. To understand this we have to go back to the beginning of his incarceration.

When a person, who is sentenced to the Montana State Prison, first stands outside it's dark grey walls, his mind is racing with many different thoughts. If he has done time before, he knows what he is facing, but for those who walk through those steel doors and into another realm or society altogether, he doesn't know what to expect. He wonders if his family will be able to come and see him right away, what kind of people are on the other side of those walls, what are the guards like, and what will the life be like in the time that he has to serve. This is just a small portion of the mental anguish that an inmate goes through.

In his processing into the prison, he first comes to the realization that the only personal property that he will be able to keep is his watch and wedding ring. All other personal belongings are destroyed, sent to a needy Institution, or given back to his family. Everything else that he is given, his shoes, socks pants, and shirts are given to him by the state. It becomes his standard clothing during his incarceration.

The inmate is brought in and placed on what is called "Fish Row." It's the place where he shall be for a period of two weeks, while he goes through the routine of orientation. During this orientation he will talk to the Warden, the Deputy Warden, his case worker, the Social Service, the Librarian, the Chaplain, the Education Director, Director of Classification and Treatment, Finance Director, Director of the Paole Board,Rehabilitation man, and the Hospital, where he will get a physical and various other tests.

After his two weeks on "Fish Row," his is assigned to a job within the walls. He can work in the Kitchen, Laundry, Shoe Shop, Wood Finish Shop, Upholestry Shop, Library, Garment Shop, Mattress Shop, or in one of the office or office runners jobs. Also included, are those who work in the Hospital as technicians. He is paid a salary of 10 to 30 cents a day, depending upon the amount of time spent on a certain job.

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After he has spent approximatley 30 days on the inside, he goes up before the Classification Board, where his custody standings are revued. He can be classified into five different catigories. They are Maximum Security, Close Custody, Mekium I., Medium II., and Minimum. Those with the first two classifications, Maximum and Close Custody, are kept on the inside. Those with Me. I., Med.II., and Minimum standards can go out to Rothe Hall and be on a Trusty Status. Those with Medl I. have to be under supervision all the time those with Med.II. are under supervision but not constantly, and those with Minimum custody can go outside the walls and Rothe Hall without supervision as long as its on state land.

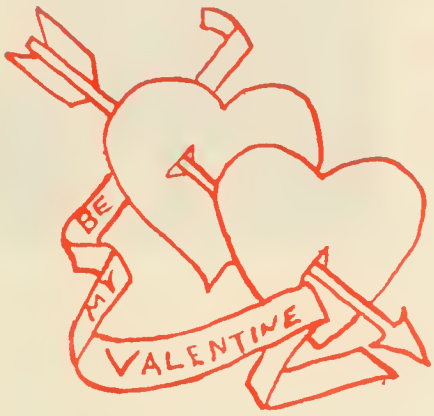
Whil on the inside the inmate works three and a half hours in the morning and three and a half hours in the afternoon, depending on his job assignment. Those in the kitchen work longer hours. The inmate has a half hour to get to chow and eat before he is returned to his cell. At 3:30 in the afternoon, he has library, yard, gym, band, and canteen privileges for an hour. At 6:00 P. M. he has gym, recreation, T.V., Hobby, Library, Band, and the various meetings that are held during the week. Lights are out at 10:00 P.M. on the week days, and out at 11:00 P.M. on the week-ends. We have late T.V. on Friday and Saturday nites. This remains the inmates daily schedule until the time he leaves here.

The inmate usually receives from the I.D.Bureau, after about 30 days, a card saying when he is elgible for parole and discharge. The inmate looks at this time with anticipation and sometimes despair. To a short timer or someone who doesn't have to much time he looks at it with much hope, but for someone who is doing from 15 years to life, he looks at it with a different view. He wonders how he is going to do all that time. He starts thinking back at all the things that he has done, and that has led up to the time thay he walked through tower # 7. He wants to change, but he doesn't know how. He looks into himself more than a short timer. He has more time to think, and his worries are about making this time now, and not looking for the time of his parole, as it's a long ways off. He has to establish himself, and he has to do his time.

A person who has to do a lot of time, faces quite a test in his life. Many are those who turn bitter, but many are those who make it and go on to a better life. They turn the time that they have spent behind prison walls into something of value. They realize how much of their life they have wasted, and just really how much they can do if given that chance. I'm not saying that those who have a short amount of time don't make it, but I do say that those who have a lot of time, take a real close look at themselves.

The day finally comes when the inmate gets a pass to go before the Parole Board. I haven't had the opportunity to go before the Parole Board, but I have had the opportunity to see those and be acquainted with those that have. What are his hopes, his expectations? Only approxiamtely ten minutes of time will tell. Ten minutes to a person who has served time is like an eternity. All his hopes, fears, doubts, are in that ten minutes. When he sits down before the Board, everything flashes through his mind over the time that he has spent in prison, and what will it be like, if they approve him, out on the streets. His main concern though, is the desicion that the Board will make. After a conference with the members, he is asked to leave the room. They call him back and give him their desicion. It can be, P.A.P., Paroled to Approved Plan, P.T.D., Parole to a Detainer, take into consideration, flopped to one month or more, and floped to discharge. The anxiety that one comes under in waiting for that desision can only be expressed by those that have been through it. You can tell when they walk out if they have made it or not. The tension they had before they went in is worse....or else they have a grin that would enlighten any persons heart to know that another one had made it, and the realization that all the worries are over, and that his hopes now have a chance to come true. To those who didn't make it, I don't believe that there are to many words that can help, but this editor has seen many that have been turned down, buckle down and make it good.

THE EDITOR: ARCHIE PARRICK



The thoughts that go the deepest
And the closest to the heart.
The things most deeply cherished
Are the hardest to impart
And so it is no wonder
That so much must go untold
For a card can barely start to tell
The things a heart can hold!

M. D. T. A.

Harry D. Erickson is the new Director of the M.D.T.A. Program (Manpower Development Training Act) at the Montana State Prison. He had a position in the Laurel School System for 7and a half years, prior to his coming to Montana State Prison. Before joining the Laurel School system, he was a Program Coordinator for the Apprentiship Training Program in Billings. He attended Eastern Montana College in Billings, and received his masters degree at Oregon State University. He is married and has four sons.

This program is designed basically for developing a skill for the inmate that he can use upon leaving the Institution. It will cover five areas of different skills. Actually two of them are in the Cullinary Arts. This includes baking and cooking. This will cover cost analysis, menu preparation , and salads. Meat cutting and process ing will also be included. This will cover everything from the proper cuts to the actual processing. The remaining two courses are almost identical as far as the training is concerned. They are auto mechanics, and farm machinery equipment repair. It will cover minor tune-ups and repairs.

The establishing of this program was written by a number of people. The Department of Public Instruction, The Vocational Rehabilitation people in Helena, people here in Deer Lodge, and the personel here in the prison....all played an important part in making this program possible. It is the first time that a program of this sort has been introduced into the Institutional systems here in Montana.

The Federal Government is funding the Program,and has allocated $194,000 for the year 1971. At the end of the year....an evaluation of the program will be made, and will determine whether additional Federal Funds will be available.

Instructors will be Montanans who are skilled in their fields of instruction. At this time we have selected Mr. James Cummins...for the auto mechanics and Mr. Jack Parker for the farm equipment re pair course. Mr.Bill Hunter of Livingston has been hired for the Cullinary Arts Department. This department will eventually have two instructors.....Others involved in the placement and counceling of those inmates chosen to participate. Will be Glen Kenison, placement and counceling Joel Shara, training and counceling, Robert Schaal, fiscal and procurement officer,and Mrs. William Coates is the Secretary.

The program itself will begin on the 16th or 17th of February. It will be for those who Mr. Kenison and Joe Shara have selected according to interest, motivation, and those having a familararity with the courses offered. The training itself will be for 30 weeks, but will be open ended. Say a

person doesn't start his training until the third week after the program has started; well,when the next 30 weeks start, he will continue on in that 30 week training period for three weeks, picking up what he missed in the first three weeks. We hope to have the inmate trained, or have it close to the time of his parole being completed. The reason for this is that it wouldn't be logical in giving a person who had 5 years the 30 week course.. when upon completing it, he would still have say another six months or so until he was elgible for Parole. It's more benefical to the trainee if he can obtain his Parole upon completion of the course. We can then get him in a appretiship or an on the job training grogram on the outside.

The way the program is set up now we can take 30to 50 inmates at a time. This doesn't mean that we can't take more, but then we run into a little difficulty, in that the prison has certain maintenance functionings. In other words with the population at the present 260, and we take say 70 men or around there....It's going to have an effect on the rest of the prison. You have other shops that tie in with the working of the prison, say like in the laundry if you took a certain amount of people out of there, they will be short, and the work load would build up there, and visa versa in the other areas. As you can see we will be working in close association with the maintenance people of the institution.

The future outlook for those people who participate, in obtaining jobs, is very good. We find that the inmates who leave here, go more or less to farm, ranch, and small farm and auto repair shops.....The demand is high for those that have a basic training in these areas.

As the reader can well see, that a program of this type has unlimited possibilities.....as Warden Estelle has said that the changes are occuring, we just have to be patient, as things just don't happen over nite. It takes time to set all the proper things in order, and then the changes occur. By establishing of the present program, we can see that the prison is on it's way in rehabilitating the inmate.

We wish to extend an open invitation to the reader to express there interest in this program, and also a thank you to Mr. Erickson for giving us of his time to make possible this article.

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a man

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SILENCED

him

The Voice of Youth?

Our young people of this present day period are searching through various means for something that they have found to be missing in their entire social life. This quest has led the last generation's progeny through realms of psychadelic experiences through drugs and brought about religious revivals made evident by increased interest in Buddhism, Theosophy, Hare' Krishna Hindu followers, the Jesus People, also the followers of the practices of Yoga.

If asked the question, "What is truth?" The devout among these people will answer, "What I believe, is the truth." This five letter word, truth, is the key to this seemingly eternal quest for the unobtainable state of mind---------truth.

We are (the youth of now; your children, and your grandchildren) weary of seemingly innocent deprivations of natural freedoms, deceptions, half-truths, and out-ritgt lies. Our young people are crying plaintively, begging the masses to listen to the truths they have found. Truths about the bloody economic mass murder in Viet Nam. Murder in exchange for rising inflation. The great technological advances being made by the United States in the form of a Space Race, (or better yet Space Circus) are being made at the sacrificial cost of billions per year. The government could be bettering the world environment, clearing slums and ghettoes, quit worrying about the "impending Dangers" of communism and take actions to advance our country socially instead of economically. Fellow inmates, what would our "territoral prison" be like now if the federal government would have donated the badly needed monies to prison reform and criminal rehabilatation? The President's Crime Commission is really at it's wit's end as far as devising a new method for reducing the crime rate in the U.S. Really, it is quite a pathetic situation; knowing how to dampen the crime rate, but being unable to do so because of the government's reluctance to appropriate the badly needed funds for <u>real</u> rehabilatation.

The population of "now" is living in a state of pseudo-reality. The present educational system's parent-student-teacher relationship is principally founded on a "fear domination" level, not unlike the Armed Forces, but on a much smaller scale. Fear domination's existance depends upon the misleading of the masses; in

this country, it is reliant upon certain amount of ignorance predetermined by the government. Through this ignorance the government has instilled the "per per" amount of fret in the masses; fear through the unknown. This ignorance is made adherent by the biased yellow-journalism evident in our newspapers, the graft and corruption that revolves around this country's political circles, and what is worse than these former;the inability of the public to accept the reality of the situation of mass "fear programming" by our society. Is it no wonder why our society is sometimes referred to as the "paranoid society"? It is a widely accepted fact that this country is run on a basis of imperial capitalism, and society's prime motivation is concerned with the question of how to increase the economic and monetary status, and have this constant increase of economy observed and held in the esteem of our foreign neighbors. Otherwords keeping ahead of the Jones'. It all comes down to, "the hell with the poor man on the street. What we can do for the betterment of our country is the prime concern, while keeping the men on the lower runs of the machine's ladder content with his present status and income."

The statement "all men are created equal", is another half-truth that has persisted throughout our country's existence. There is no equality in physical strength, intelligence, nor wisdom among individuals. But every individual person has this same equality: We are all human beings, members of a brotherhood; mankind. Thus we all have the right to seek those "inalienable rights". Remember no one has the right to another's mind! The parent that places himself upon a pedastal and demands the respect of a child is not showing love, but exibiting hatred and immorality towards the reality of life. This is respect through fear and the youth of today all know too well that this fear training is about. Remember, for the most part, we, the youth of today are war babies, reared in an era when the axium, "Your's is not to question why, but is to do or die," was an accepted reason for obedience. (If good for the military, why not for the children at home?) As things should be, respect is to be garnered only through love. I don't mean that love is to be exclusively shown superior buying power, or occassional proclimations of love. Love may only be secured with love, not money, gifts, nor words. Only the actions of love are sufficient to express the truth and actual sincerity of love.

Freedom, justice, love and truth; all have completely different meanings. But the lack of none of these qualities makes the impossibility of the other qualities to exist in the totality of perfection. Truth is what we are all seeking, and truth starts with life. Truth's fruit's are life-long made examplary by the values of freedom, love and justice.

ALL AS ONE

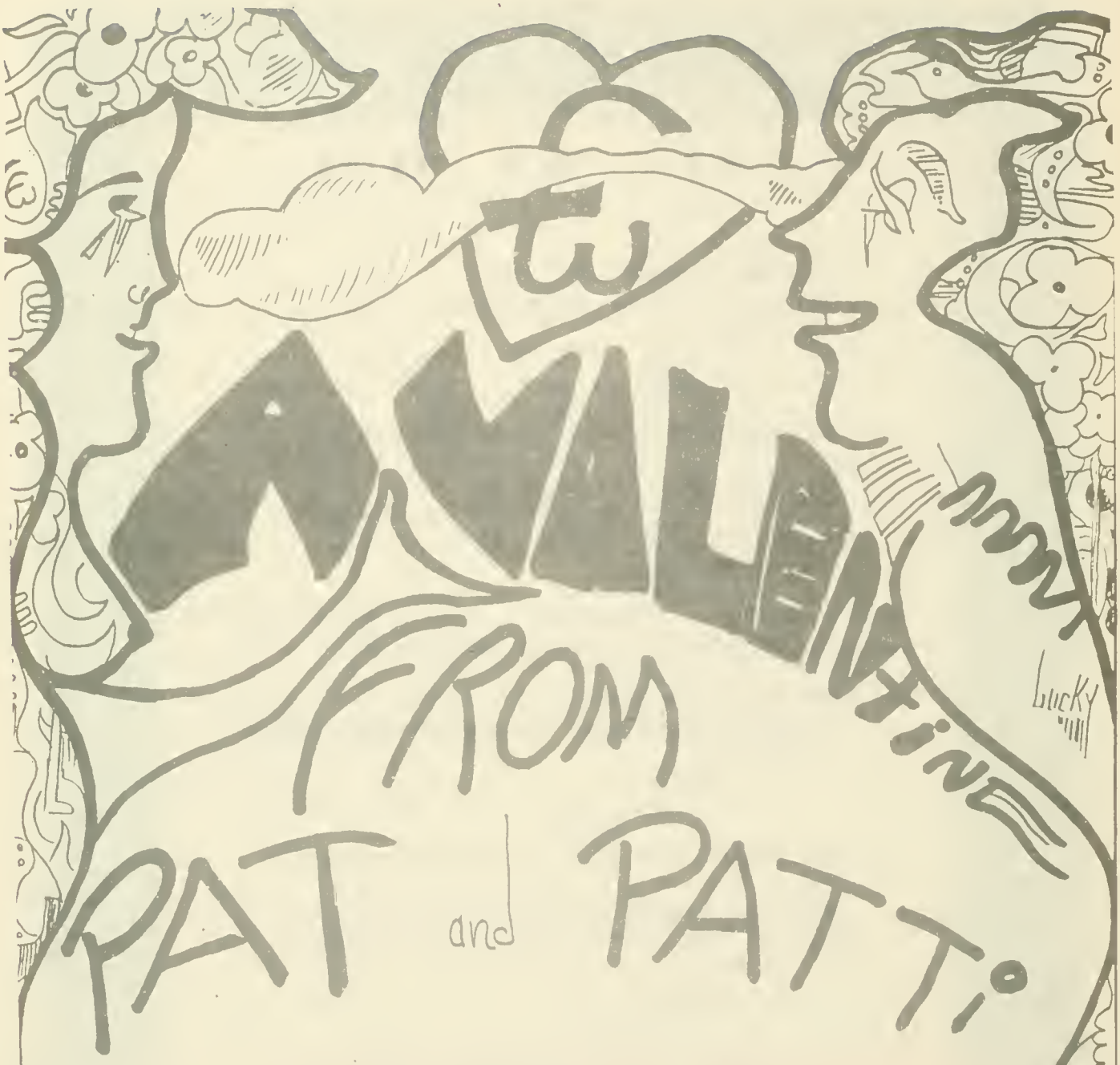
Why must color restrict ?
Why can't love be among all ?
Black
Yellow
Red
White
For together do we not make a nation ?

Why must prejudice exist ?
Does not every man have a heart, mind, soul ?
Black
Yellow
Red
White
For together do they not make any man ?

Why must hate dominate ?
Does man not cherish the same desires, hopes ?
Black
Yellow
Red
White
For together do they not inspire dreams ?

Why must dessent prevail ?
Must we love, hate, hope, pray - separate ?
Black
Yellow
Red
White
For together are we not GOD'S children ?

By
Patti Cleary



It was a warm February afternoon in my apartment under the abandoned antique shopway out Bothel Way in Seattle. Mary Meth was bathing in my kitchen sink and taking me on one of her eternal paranoid trips about how the C.I.A. HAD BEEN following her, when Pat & Patti saved me by knocking on my door.

"It's the C.I.A.!" Mary Meth screamed, grabbing a handy dishtowel to hide behind and dropping all the dishes she was doing while she was taking her bath.

"No it's not, it's Pat & Patti, see, there's Ben peeking in the side window leering at you right now," And sure enough there was Ben, Pat & Patti's Mongrel Bloodhound looking all over inside my apartment crosseyedly looking for my cat, named Pig. Ben loved to harass Pig as Pigs were always harassing Pat & Patti.

"Happy Valentine's Day!" Pat & Patti yelled out as they came crashing into my kitchen.

"Ralph! Ralph!" Barked Ben as he dove at Mary Meth thinking she was a Pig.

"Shaddup-a-da-noise over there!" Yelled the old man next door as he pounded on my wall. Sometimes he Pounded on his blind wife and sometimes he pounded on my wall. I like it when he pounds on my wall because I know then that he's not pounding on his wife. Last week I was under my porch looking for something I thought I had lost and I found a whole patch of nice smelling flowers.

I don't know what such nice smelling flowers were doing growing under my porch, maybe they were just flowers that like to grow under peoples porches and smell nice, I don't know, but I picked a handful of them and gave them to the old lady next door, which really made her happy. I guess maybe what I should have given her instead was my old, fusty .32 revolver and then the next time her crochety old husband started beating her, she could blow his head off, but flowers are much nicer than guns anytime.

"Here, we brought you something, Happy Valentine's Day!" Said Patti as she handed me a card that read: HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO A DEAR NEPHEW

"Hey, that's real nice," Itold them as I patted Ben's wet, dishwatery head and then rolled the card up, lit it and passed it around. Hallmark; good stuff.

"come on in the loving room and sit down. Here, I'll turn on the toaster and see what's playing and maybe Mary will whip up some electric cold potato soup for us.

"Yum." Said Pat as we allwent in and sprawled around my orange-wedged, blue micro-dotted living room.

"Where's Pig?" Asked Patti while Pat started tinkering with the motor inside my rolled top desk.

"I don't really know" I confided to Patti, "she was around this morning when I gave the fish a bath before the milkman came."

"I think you need a new distributer." Declared Pat all greasy-faced and dirty, bending over inside my roll-top desk.

"No, you're wrong there," I corrected him, "Duke's doing great. just last week he turned two keys and four ounces of crystal for me."

"No, no; in your desk I mean. That's why the top doesn't roll like it's supposed to. Definitely the distributer."

"could be. I know the plugs and points are good though. It might be the distributer at that."

"Happy Valentine's Day!" Shrieked Peter Pan as he crashed through the roof and shot a barbed arrow at Patti with a 150 pound test bow.

"Shaddap-a-da- noise next door!"

"Soup's on!" Announced Mary as she proudly Brought in four delicious bowls of cold Electric potato soup.

"Can't you get anything else on the toaster? I can't stand Captain Kangaroo this early in the morning." Patti wheedled. So I reluctantly changed channels - I like Captain Kangaroo - to a Great Falls show called Montana Today. Not bad reception for a $7.95 Sunbeam, I thought as I dug the screen, and then all of a sudden there was Pig! Pig, my own personal cat, being interviewed by the beautiful lady moderator of the show. It seemed to be an in-depth interview on the Chauvinism of cat owners and feline suppressionists everywhere. I felt very humble, and maybe a little guilty.

"Ralph! Ralph!" Barked Ben, incensed at the idea of Pig being interviewed and not him.

"Knock, Knock." Said my front door, opening to reveal the mailman who proudly stuck out his tongue and yelled out "Mailman!" looking around slyly.

"I have a letter here for, uh, what's your name, honey?" This to Patti.

"Patti." Said Patti.

"Patti." Declared the mailman, and proceeded to walk in and kiss her smugly on her surprised lips.

"Hey, Wait just a minute..." Growled Pat indignantly, standing up.

"What's your name?" Asked the cunning mailman.

"Pat! And you just..."

"Pat...Pat.., ah, yes, yes, Pat! I've got a letter for you too,

but you forgot to stamp it!" He shouted in Pat's face and stamped as hard as he could on Pat's bare foot and ran off giggling. Letters, Newspapers and Post cards flying all around behind him.

"That wasn't really the mailman," I told Pat & Patti, "that's just the old man next door; he loves to play post office."

"Happy Valentine's Day!" Railed Peter Pan as he shot a skyrocket at Ben, who ran behind the lemonade stand next to my cactus-covered couch. By now we were all starting to feel pretty mellow from the cold electric potato soup, not to mention Pat & Patti's valentine we had all smoked, and the fact that the skyrocket had caught the place on fire didn't faze us at all. We just kind of laid back and dug the pyrotechnic display until the Fire Department came. They came clanging and sirening up, kicked in the door next door, happily watered down the potted plants there and arrested the old man next door for impersonating a Civil Service employee, and went clanging off to Fire Department jail with him.

" You can come and live with us." Patti told me as we sat on the curb and roasted marshmellows over the inferno that used to be an abandoned antique shop with my apartment underneath it.

" I hope my cat likes it in Montana. " I said gloomily, makeing a toasted marshmellow-sardine sandwich while Mary Meth cried softly at the loss of the sink she loved to bathe in.

SMOKING MARIJUANA MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR FREEDOM

THE BARDS' TOUCH

"A CALLING"

God cried for people.....
    Tears earthly bound,
    Covering all, touching all,
Fertilizing upon contact of dampness felt.
    Trees of drab color became clothed in fall leaves and winter pines,
    Dark seas of fearsome shadows gained rich blues to aqua greens.
Creatures of tail and fin did somersaults of joy and elation,
    Grass so stiff and brittle became soft beds of growing comfort.
    Wind not heard of now danced with the willows, and
lift birds gliding in the sky,
    Lifted moisture to boisterous clouds.
    Bearen bushes and plants, produced crops of tender fruits,
    How rich and vast became the earth;
Yet GOD said it lacks.
    This Man and Woman - created to live in harmony,
    With minds of creativeness and resourcefulness,
To make choice by mind and consciousness,
    Within the freedom derived from the environment,
    The next lines of thought are yours
Shall TODAY be a BEGINNING OR
ART of a SELF - DESTRUCTIVE ENDING ???????
    YOU have the choice, NOT ME!!!!

-CORDES-

"YEARNING"

The tongues of man's questioning lay dorment beneath marble stones.
Struggles so vastly needed in conquest of truth rests recorded in morrow of bones.
Eyes that showed hurt, and pain now transfixed unto heaven's domain.
Castles of ivory, envy from an outstreched hand, lacking understanding.
Ears that learned of trust, yet sorrow for a tomorrows windward sting.
Movements onward, questioning fates eventual grasp of soul,
Nerves of sensititive soundings echoing tastes of touch desired,
Now all silent, all still, all serenley submerged.
Rest for your reawakeing reward shall be eternal life.
BUT ONLY FOR THOSE OF UNFAILING FAITH IN TRIALS, IN TRIALS, AND DULY SENTENCED!!

-CORDES-

JOURNEY

Mind's colored ecstasies fashioned
With wonders---abounding with the spirit.
Spectrum radiating torrents
Bespeaking life-------effervescing into infinity;
(All of everlasting life while
A-walking down eternity's road.)
For this is where we
Are all a-stepping----------
Down our road of life.

Let you men of the world
Be all forewarned
Of pits and pot-holes
rocks and intersections;
You shall all chance and meet;
Hatred of one, wanton desire,
and self righteousness out of pride------
All are to be met today, and cast out!
For that which is really within.

The path upon which we all a-trek;
Naga we call him.
And praise be to him
For granted is our ease
Through-out our entire journey.
And let our pathes lead us all uphill
Heralding the devine through wisdom.
(The emerald Lotus at the equinox of the road
Is the sign of complete liberation.)

So fellow men bear down and travel
Up insanity's road, and the weight
You claim for your burden,
Will lessen, trust me----------
And in good passing we all shall percieve----------

Mind's colored ecstasies abounding with joy
Screaming silently,
Through the portals of the orbs.

YEA EN----- percieve with the eyes of a child
But-------- foreget not the wisdom of a sage.

C. A. Heckman

I suspect that all the crimes commiteed by all the jailed criminals do not equal in social damage that of the crimes against them.
Trial by jury is not an instrument for getting at the truth; it is a process designed to make it as humanly possible that no innocent man is convicted.

--DR. KARL MENNINGER--

"LOVING YOUR MAN"

Loving an inmate isn't all play,
the life it demands of you isn't so gay,
It's mostly the having, but not to hold,
it's being too young or feeling to old.
It's a life full of fears and no end it seems,
and being in love with wonderful dreams.

Loving your man means good-bye at the gate,
fearing the years you may have to wait.
Tearfully, painfully you let him go,
while aching inside for loving him so.
Then you wait for his letter that everything's well
going through a heartbreaking visitless spell.

Then when you see him it's laughter together,
unconscious of people, time or the weather.
It's having him whisper, "I LOVE YOU,"
and your answer, "I LOVE YOU TOO."
Until then--it's a beautiful promise of love,
knowing your love's watched by the Father above.

Loving your man is unlimited fears,
and crying at night 'til there aren't any tears.
Then seeking comfort you kneel to pray,
putting your heart in the words that you say.
You'll find that you're living on sand and not on sod,
and your power of strength is only from God.

You work and smile each hour away,
for when he comes home on the beautiful day.
Loving an inmate is loneliness and tears,
it's heartache, little joy, and many fears.
A life full of wondering and little fun,
but you know he's worth it when his time is done.

Here's where you'll realize he was never away,
for your love for him grew, greater each day.
That's love for your man, what more can I say?

-GER-

"DESPERARE"

The years go passing by
'neath this our hallowed stye
Where men abide below and above
But here there dwells no love
Save One who they say doth care
But for you and me there is only despair
Our God is the God of Indifference
To Whom each day we pray for deliverance
.....from this our hallowed stye

-Budda-

"THEY ARRESTED MY BEARD FOR TREASON"

They arrested my beard for treason
and confiscated my dreams for evidence
there's a warrant out for my soul
meanwhile I'm being held in prison
guilty of associating with a known criminal;
myself

the solution's really very simple
all I have to do is stop being me
they've been telling me this for the last 14 years
Do as we don't but be what we say
and be grateful to be what you aren't
as we see fit
for you to be

Sure,
right after the frontal Lobotomy

-LUCKY-

"AS I STEPPED THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS"

As I stepped through the looking-glass
they immediately put my mind in a personal-property box
across the street somewhere in Limbo

instructing me
Shave every day, join clubs, and walk slowly
single file
'cause as long as you're in step everything's okay

offering me a dubious meal of rehabilitation
take all you want, but eat all you take
and kindly turn in your utensils as you leave
thank you

a kindly walrus finally tipped me off
Turn every thing you hear upside down and shake it
you'd be amazed at what comes out

and handed me a piece of self-pity which I hungrily devoured
Now wash it down with bitterness and
seriously contemplate your shadow for the next few years
who knows
some of this might be real

-LUCKY-

"A TIME FOR LOVE"

Love wasn't made for grown-olds
to them it's nothing new,
If your young in mind and spirit
then love was made for you.
Love was made for the young in heart
the games that they play,
Answers in the might, they'll find
to the questions of the day.

Feelings found in youthfulness
are cast aside when old,
Love that once was fresh
will then grow stale and cold.
Love wasn't made for grown-ups
to them it's nothing new,
Love was made for the young at heart
they've got time to see it through.

-GER-

"THE SAGA OF RE-RUN GLORY"

This is a story of a young cat,
Named Re-Run Glory,
Now this cat is good people, mind you
He was a person prayed for,
By the young and old alike.
On this particular day,
He said to himself,
"This is the day my people
Renounce their citizenship."

The master plan.....
The master plan that was concieved,
And thoroughly thrashed out,
Numerous times over,
By Re-Run's categorized, intelligent,
State of mind.
A master plan,
Effectuated and formulated,
In that spheric and isolated brain,
Of this young man.

And the mass exodus began.
And the people went.
And the people came.
And the people cried, laughed, and sorrowed,
Still, people withdraw.
Withdrew and revoked,
Their one birth-right.
Respectfully entitled by the people.....
AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

And it-----the plan,
Was completed in one day,
As predicted by the master-mind.
And the day came,
When it was over,
And the people were no more,
For they had left that one tie,
That bound them to the country.
As was perceived by the master-mind.
It was sad, good, joyous,
And of mixed emotions.
But the country itself was no longer,
For people are the country,
And it was free.
Free as it was in the beginning.

The wild-life populated,
And the waters purified.
And Mother Earth, revitalized,
Refreshed her appearance,
In spirit and body,
And she was beautiful,
As it was in the beginning.

The man came,
Looked and glorified,
In this country,
For it was rich, prosperous and virgi
And they came,
They took, They stole
They killed,
And they populated.
And once again,
It was time for a master-plan,
So the master organizer came,
Looked and thought,
And said to himself,
"This is the day my people,
Shall renounce their citizenship."

As the canoe came closer,
The people on the shore cried,
Indians!!!!!!!
Canoe followed canoe,
Until the horizon was filled,
With canoes,
And the people on the shore,
Still cried Indians!!!!!!!
Until Feathers filled the air,
And Canoes blocked the shore.

For the Indians had landed,
And they took, cheated,
Stole, and killed
And the native people ashore,
Gave ground to these savages,
For they raped, reaped,
And respected no god or man.
Killed and conquered.
The second phase took effect.

It was over.
It was great!
It was victory!

It was agreed.
This is their country.
How.

-LAKOTA-

HERE-THERE

Today as I look about me
I find that within these walls
and without
As prisoners, we really exist.

Now outside I'm a-peering
Through windows frosted
Between sturdy bars that------
Very well could last forever.....ever.....and
For all the time that has past------and more----
Far into the future.....and ever.

Astonished now I find
As I gaze with an all concieving mind;
(Illusion of course)
When that last day has past
Of when this being (physical by chance)
Will once more roam upon the globe.

But wait!
What a fool!-----Yes me!!
For not remembering;----------
Of sins and laws, mores,------
And of course those proverbial straws.
Straws!

That exceeding one too many------
Sin or law, more!, or---------.---
What shall be, that fatal proverbial straw?

"Hey out there!
People separated from me
By the walls' freedom rending barrier,
You're not so free, aha!"
But neither at all are we.

S. R. Heckman

"SHAKESPEARE"

The jury passing on the prisoners life,
May in the sworn twelve have a thief or two,
Guiltier than him they try.

INSIDE JAYCEE'S NEW PROGRAM

TO HELP INMATES

WAY OUT COMMITTEE

By Gary Mack

Recently the La Barge Jaycee's formed a committee to aid inmates who are due for parole. This committee, intitled the "Way Out Committee," will gather data from outside groups that can help inmates attain their parole.

The committee's function will be to contact different Jaycee's and business organizations to see if jobs are available for parolee's, and if so, what kind of jobs. The committee shall also try to determine what kind of housing is availabel and if it can be obtained for the inmates.

The committee will contact each member of the La Barge Jaycee's approximatly 6 mo. prior to his parole date and will get from him a personal resume' of his work and education. Also information as to where he wants to go on parole. The committee will then contact all possible groups in the selected areas for assistance in securing a job and housing.....This to be done by offering the inmates resume' as a criterion.

A further function of the committee will be to contact outside business firms, fraternal organizations, any self help groups, and other persons or organizations that will be will ing to aid a parolee.

The parolee is not looking for sympathy or handouts....He must be allowed to stand on his own!!!!!This is at best a difficult thing to do, and through the committee, we hope to have contacts set up for him so that if the man needs help or advice.....he will have someone to go to who can and will help him with what ever type of counselling he may need.

Any suggestions that would further our program would be welcome and deeply appreciated.....We also need the names of any business organizations, Fraternal organizatins, or people who can and will help the committee. For more details and information, inquires should be addressed to "WAY OUT" Committee, LaBarge J.C.'s. P.O. Box # 7...Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

"ATTENTION READERS"

A man possessed with self confidence can present his ideas to the public and to his fellow man with such clarity that it becomes an estableshed fact, not withstanding the concepts of the subject matter.

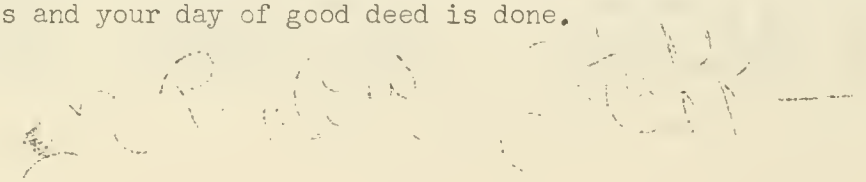
The undersigned of this communicating page are not necessarily of that catagory, however, we will attempt to be creatively and constructively expressive in our ability to present our ideas to you as bonafide writers of the M.P. News.

Our responsibility lies soely in the production and the improvement of the M.P. News, as well as being the advocators of more subscribers. An explaination of the foregoing, is in order: The improvement of the "NEWS" is a test designed for the inmates self expression, and CRITICISIM of the various subject matters now being confronted. Whether this attitude is prevalent or not is the real test.

The expansion of the M. P. News, is quite another matter that needs to be a must. The present subscription list is such that we may have to motion a request for expansion or an equivalent for more subscribers. However, the sponser of the "NEWS" is taking a stand against the foresaid motions, as he is of the opinion that the changes in our publication will bring forth the potential subscribers to our now growing list of persons.....wishing to subscribe to the "NEWS." These changes are due to a new variation of the attitudes of the inmates towards the M.P. News, in that, many of the inmates, not contributing to the "NEWS" previously, are now submitting more and more creative stories and poetry sections, as well as other non-fiction and "TELL IT AS IT IS" sections. Although this section has been avoided in the past, the exception is examplified by the inmates whose consciences compell them to the opposite extreme.....However, we have noticed in the recent past....that this section has recieved increasingly more material of value to the inmates, uniformed staff, and the general public.

We are inclined to think to the positive, that the M.P. News is now in that catagory where it is now "FOR AND BY THE INMATES" as it should be. Obviously, as noted in the past issues of the " NEWS ", the interest contant has been confined to " FREE MEN " and in general, to those outside of this prison's walls. But as explained heretofore.....the M.P. News staff and the editor, Archie Warwick, and the bulk of the literary material recieved, evidences the fact that the inmates are revising the M.P. News to their objectives and self expressions. It may be said at this time that criticism by the inmates is yet confined within the inmate population for various reasons,and that can be attributed to one factor,that is the core of the entire problem matter, which needs to be made mention of, as we all know the consequences of bad vibrations.

To the public, I herewith submit that attached hereto are subscription blanks for your friends that are not subscribers to the M.P. News. Changes beyond your belief are being made here at Montana State Prison and these changes will be brought to your awareness through the M.P. News. It is worth your effort to be aware of these changes, when they occur and how their occurance is made possible. Therefore, your effort is only to give a friend or relative the detachable subscription blanks and your day of good deed is done.



(This letter was received by an old-timer in here from a good Irishman in San Francisco..... Shure and 'tis a divil of a time they're havin', Glory be.----- Sally)

DUBLIN, COUNTY CORK, IRELAND

Dear Cousin Ray:

Your welcome letter received, and me and your Aunt Bridget thank you for the money you sent us. We have had nine Masses said for your grandmother and grandfather,. God rest their souls.

You have gone to high places in America. God bless you. I hope you'll not be putting on airs and forgetting your native land.

Your Cousin, Marty O'Toole, was hanged in Londonberry last week for killing a policeman. May God rest his soul and may God's curse be on Jimmy Callahan, the informer. May he burn in hell. God forgive me.

Times are not as bad as they might be. The herrings are back. Nearly everyone has had a hard time making ends meet, but the price of fish is good. Thanks be to God.

We had a good time at Pat Muldoon's wake. He was a blather skite and it looked cool to see him stretched out with his big mouth shut. He is better off dead and he'll burn thill the damn place freezes over. He had too many friends among the Masons. God curse the lot of them.

Bless your heart, I almost forgot to tell you, Uncle Denny took a pot shot at a turncoat from the back of the hedge, but he had too many drinks in him and he missed. God curse the dirty drink. I hope this letter finds you in good health and may God keep reminding you to send money.

Your cousin Biddy had a baby. One of them Limey officers took advantage of her. He offered to marry her., but her father said no. Better to have a bastard in the family than a bloody Englishman. God bless them---may the child never know.

Father Flaherty, bless his soul, who baptized you, is now feebleminded. He sends his blessings. We had a real old time brawl at Murphy's 50th anniversary. McCarthy brought a singer by the name of Izzie Cohen. Well, lo and behold, Cohen sang IRELAND MUST BE HEAVEN FOR ME MOTHER CAME FROM THERE. He never go to sing the second verse for Donohue crowned him with a chair. That's when the brawl beg an. Nellie O'Malley, the brat you went to school with has married an Englishman. They'll have no luck.

God take care of the lot of you and keep you from sudden death. Things look bright again. Every police barracks and Protestant Church in county Cork has been burned to the ground. Thanks be to God.

Keep sending money.

Your devoted Cousin.
Mike Maloney

FOR THE ABOVE DOWN TO EARTH LETTER, ALL CREDITS AND MORE, ARE HEREWITH GIVEN TO THE ISLAND LANTERN, FROM THE M.P.NEWS STAFF.....IRISH AND INDIANS, WOW!!!!!

INSIGHT

BY GARY RADI

The purpose of this article is to shed some light to the people of Montana, and hope that it might even cause them to look back on the experience and say to themselves in the future, that life began on the day they began to think of others more than they thought about themselves. If society wants prisoners to change, public attitudes toward the prisoner must change.

A visit to most prisons in this country will make one a zealot for prison reform, as one will soon learn that 75 to 80 percent of all prisoners are in sub standard institutions. When you see a prison built from 50 to 100 years ago with almost no recreational facilities, with obsolete vocational training; you will understand the paradox of why so many of them return again. The range of needs for improvement of prisons is staggering.....They rival...if they do not exceed, those of our great cities.....We are suffering and we must pay the high price of accumulated and deferred maintenance.....The cost is not in some distant future period; it is here and now. It is no further away than the nearest dark street. To put a man behind bars to protect society, and then not try to change him, is to win a battle but lose a war. Let us turn to the business of winning the war! I know of only one way to do it: we must bring to bear on it the uniquely American combination of brains, energy, ingenuity, research, and innovation that has made us one of the world's greatest industrial powers. We take on a burden when we put a man behind walls.....and that burden is to give him a chance to change. If we deny him that,we deny him his status as a human being-and to deny that, is to diminish our own humanity and plant the seeds of future anguish for ourselves. Society fails when they forget why they send a mantto prison; one ounce of help and understanding will go further than all the force we can undertake to change the men and women behind the walls of prison.

PAY A VISIT TO MONTANA STATE PRISON

"A A"

ANY SAT. EVE

MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

ON ARRIVAL AT DEER LODGE REPORT AT MAIN GATE AT 5:50 P.M.
PLEASE SEND ADVANCED

NOTICE TO

FATHER Wm FLEMMING

OR

CHAPLAIN A.O. SKIBSRUD

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DEER LODGE, MONT. 59722

INMATES CRAFTS

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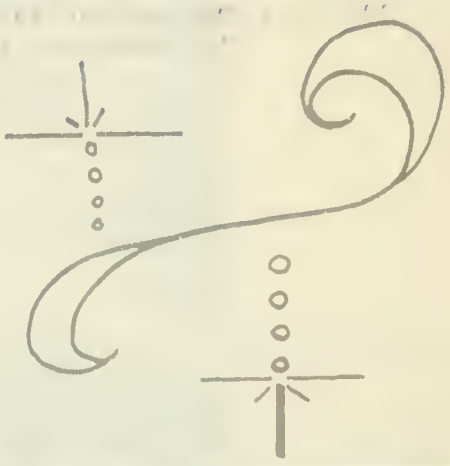
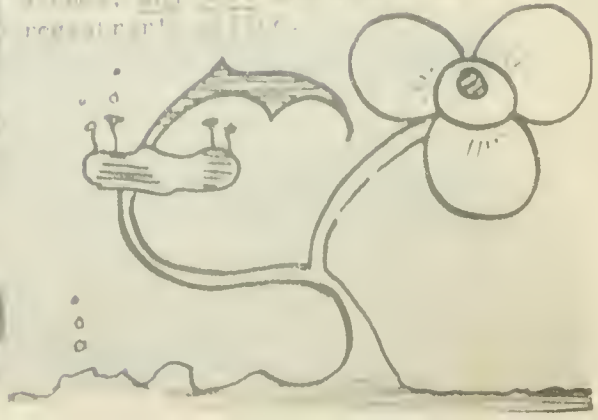
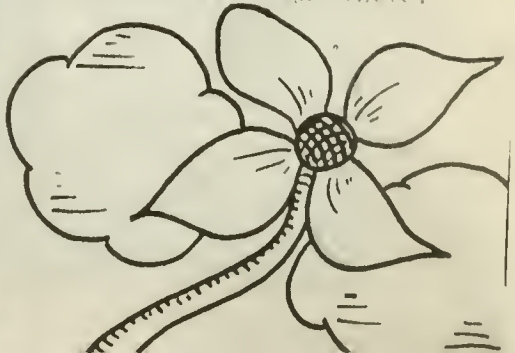




Gordy Wilkins standing beside the finished products of one of his leather artistry. Gordy's purses are a . of unique design and ro ... workmanship.

Another view of the hobby display cases in the registr... office. Anyone wishing to ... anything displayed in t.e ca... merely has to make their c... and buy them right there.



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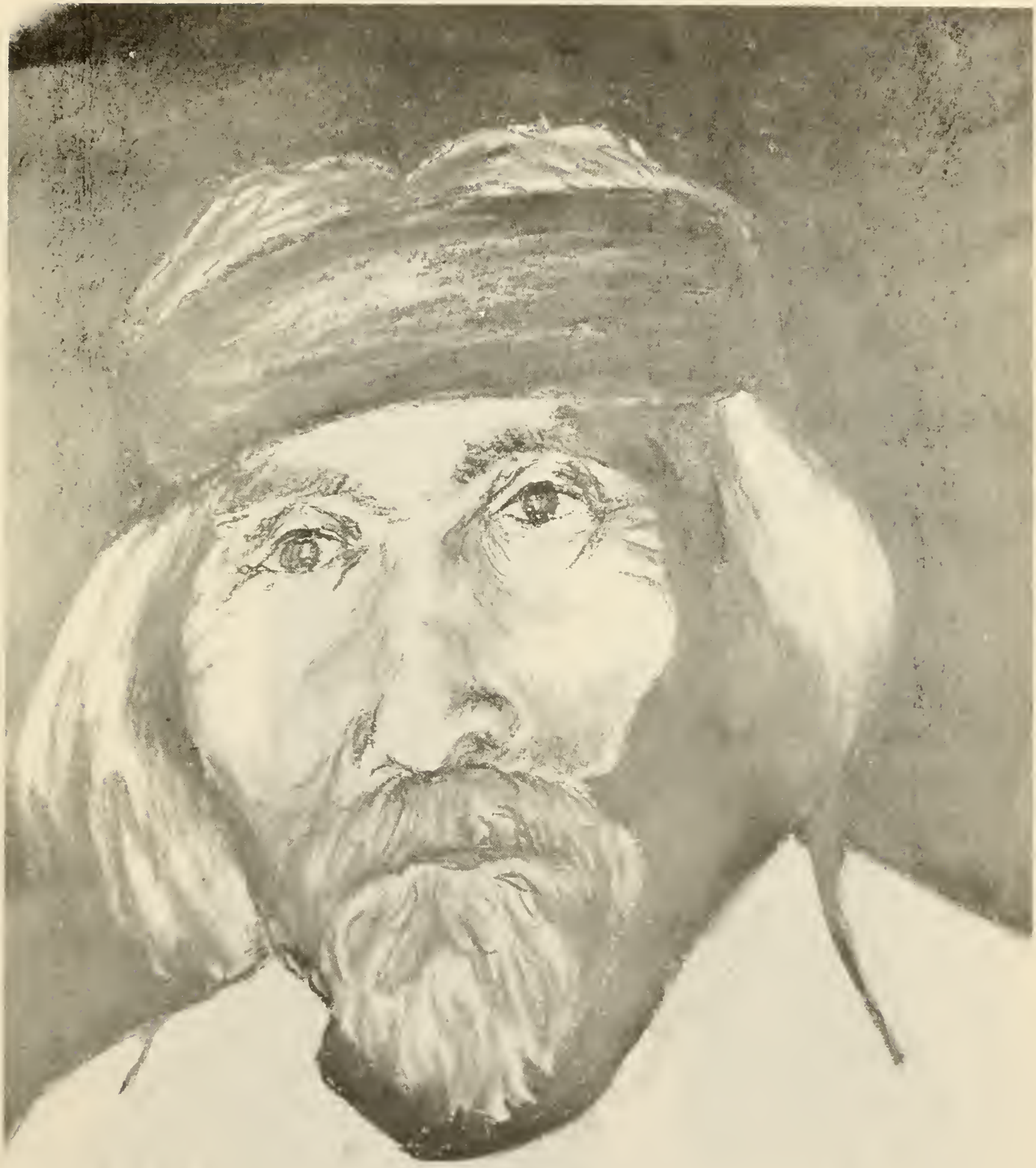
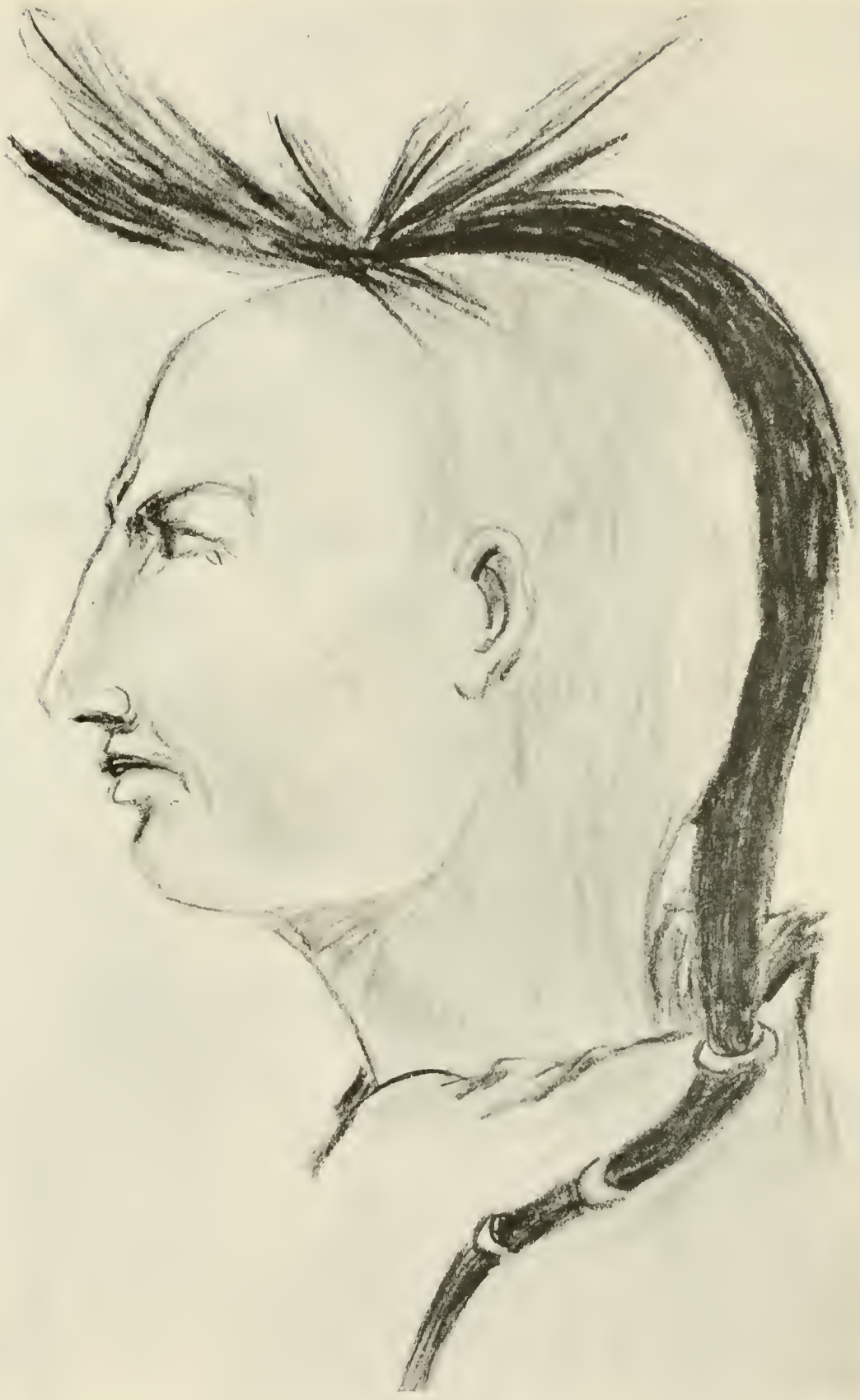




OUR ADOPTED CHILD

PRIMA SACACA

Age

6

YOKEFELLOW AND ROTHEHALL'S FOSTER DAUGHTER

Rothe Hall Yokefellow's, for some months now, has an adopted child. This is a fact that not many of the inmates are aware of. Her name is Irima Sacaca, and she is six years of age. She lives in the Omiste Children's Home, Bolivia, We adopted her in May of 1970. As of this date we have funded over $200.00 to aid her in her education, clothing, and general well being. We also sent her a special Christmas gift at Christmas time of last year.

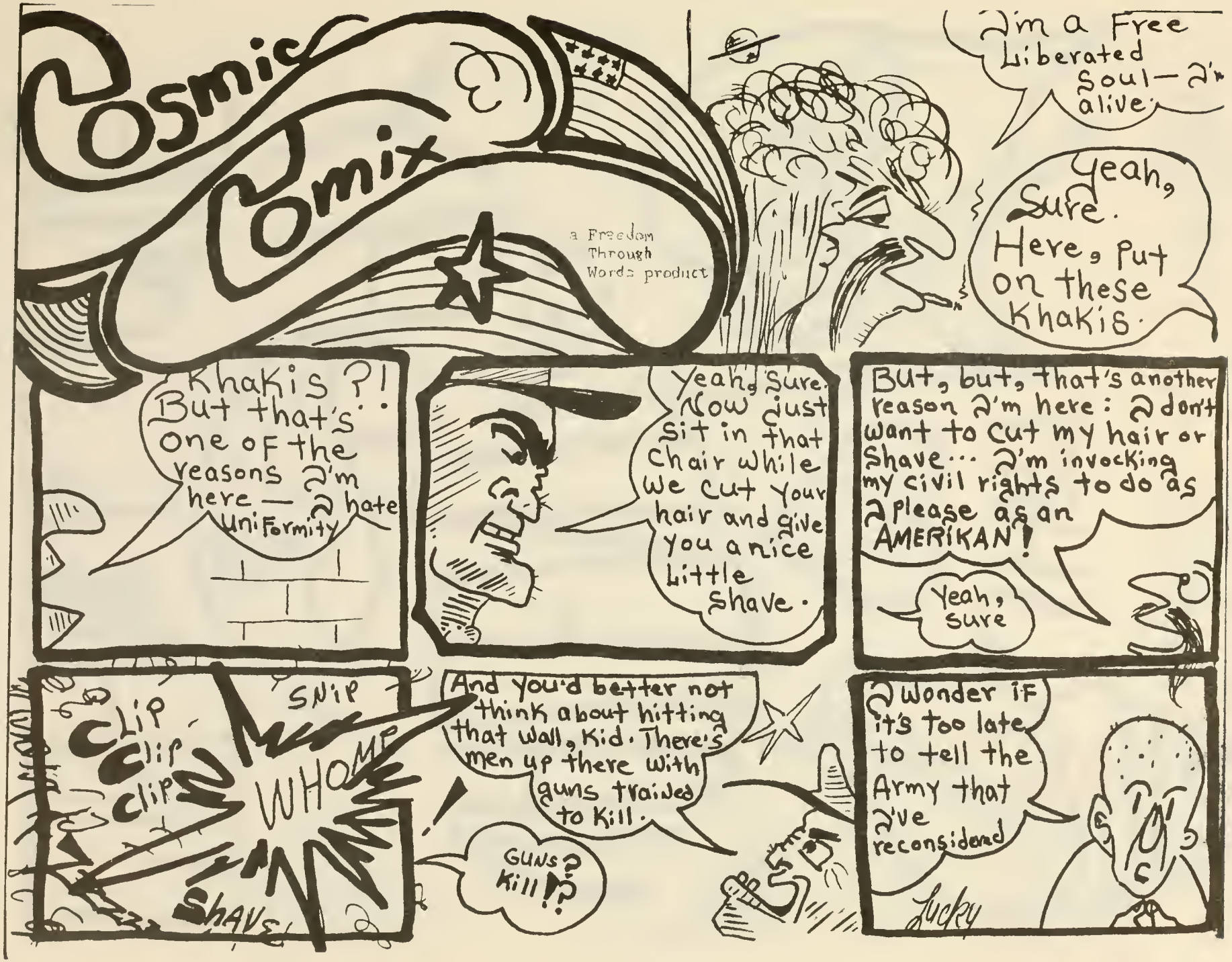
One of our disciplines for the Rothe Hall Yokefellow is to pay money into a worthy cause or a thithing to the Lord. We looked around first to see where we could spen our money for a worthy cause. One of the fellows found an article in a magazine called "Children Incorporated." This is a none profit organization in Pennsylvania. They handel adopted children all over the world. We wrote to them and received all the information and procedures that we would have to go through to adopt a child. We had orginally planned to adopt a child from the states, but as a group, we decided that it really didn't matter where the child came from as long as we were able to help better the conditions in her life.

We used to have two children that we had adopted, but due to the expense, we had to drop one of them. We hope to though, in the near future, to build up our funds for this cause, and adopt a child from Montana.

If you are the type of person that feels he would like to help keep this program going, just make a money transfer out to the Yokefellow Children's Fund. It makes no difference what you give, it's the self-satisfaction in knowing that you have helped someone who is in need of your help, and is in great need of this help. If you should happen to be a subscriber to the M.P. News and would like to help, just sen a check or money order to the Yokefellow Children's Fund, %Chaplain A.O. Skibsrud, Montana State Prison, P.O. Box# 7, Deer Lodge, Montana. Zip code number 59722.

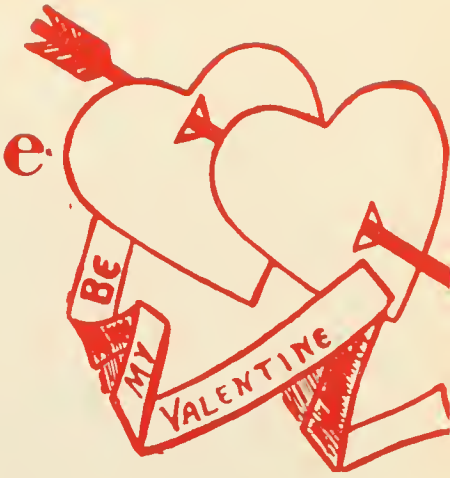
With the many things that are going on in the world today, I believe that the men and all those that are involved with this program deserve more than just a thank you or a well don; but to know that they themselves who have been deprved of so much in there own live's, will show that they still have that love to help someone else, and this staff wishes to extend there thanks to these people who are helping in this worthwhile cause.

By Jerry McGivern


Cosmic Comix
a Freedom Through Words product
I'm a Free Liberated Soul—I'm alive.
Yeah, Sure. Here, Put on these Khakis.
Khakis?! But that's one of the reasons I'm here—I hate uniFormity
Yeah, Sure. Now just Sit in that Chair while We cut Your hair and give you a nice Little Shave.
But, but, that's another reason I'm here: I don't want to cut my hair or Shave... I'm invocking my civil rights to do as I please as an AMERIKAN!
Yeah, sure
CLIP clip clip
SNIP
WHOMP
SHAVE
And You'd better not think about hitting that wall, Kid. There's men up there with guns trained to Kill.
GUNS? Kill!?
I Wonder IF it's too late to tell the Army that I've reconsidered
Lucky

WHAT
VALENTINES
DAY
MEANS to ME
LUCKY

Whats Valentines Day To an Inmate



Valentine's Day to me, in Montana State Prison, 1971, means that Janis Joplin's dead from too much of a good thing, and that Jimmi Hendrix won't be sending any valentines either. It means a four day holiday - an opportunity to sleep in from breakfast without a roust - replete with late TV viewing, no work, and all the other fringe benefits of a legal institutional - recognized holiday. It means a maybe visit that I know better than to expect because who wants to spend Valentine's Day in prison? I don't, so why should anyone else ? Do you??

Valentine's Day dates back to the Mayan dynasty and the cruel ruler of that time, King Valen,. (This era is often referred to as Valen's time) King Valen was a very mean emperor and used to take great delight in dissecting living vic tims with the aid of teams of pulling horses - pulling in opposing directions at the same time from the said victim, as it were. Well, as it happened one day wh ile he was pursuing his little hobby, his wife fell upon her knees and implored him to cease his madness. "oh, King Valen, Sire, have a heart!" she said, to whi ch King Valen smiled and said "why yes, thank you my dear, I believe I will and thus started the tradition of exchanging hearts in Valen's Time or in the day of Valen's time.

On a more serious note, and you have to be serious, I'M told, and told, and told, I conjure images of chubby cherubs, lacy valentines, and Irma Schmaltz. Irma Schmaltz was the little girl that sat in front of me in the second grade at P.S. 199, and with whom I was madly in love. Not a week went by that I didn't pass a note to Irma vowing my eternal love for her and not a week went by that whenever she got one of my manifestoes, she wouldn't go running up to the teach er and snithchme off. I didn't care, I loved Irma, what was a little after school blackboard eraser cleaning punishment to me? I was tough, I could take it. Maybe I'd get lung cancerfrom all the chalk dust and die, then she'd see.

Well, come February 14th, I outdid myself; I'd saved my allowance for three weeks and bought Irma a huge box of chocclates in the shape of a heart. For this she'd worship me eternally, I was positive. "Happy Valentine's Day! Irma, here's some chocolates for you." Me all red-faced, blushing and stumbley handing it to her. "Thanks, Creep. I hope you get chalk-dust in your lungs and die and you'd better not send me anymore of your goopy notes or I'm going to tell my Daddy!" Not exactly the reaction I'd been planning on at all ,and this is the way it's seem to have gone ever since then. Irma, wherever you're at, if you read this, I want you to know it's your fault I am where I am today! Well, maybe not alto gether your fault, but I bet it had something to Do with it because actually I didn't really save up my allowance for three weeks to buy that box of chocolates for Irma..... what do you think, I'm crazy or something? I boosted it out of the A&P and that's why I'm here now: it took the A &P Police 28 years to track me down, but track me down they sid and here I am, for allthe love of Irma.

So, what does it all mean? It means that if I had their addresses I'd send a valentine to Mick Jagger and Gracie Slick. that's what it all means.

VALENTINE'S DAY

This wonderful holiday that our country's people hold in such high esteem, is revered as a time for each individual to express his love and devotion to the people held as those dearest to his heart. Thus the most widely accepted symbol used during Valentine's day is that of a typical heart-shaped character.

Unfortunately, like most of our other holidays, the true meaning of the date has had it's entire meaning either lost by the insincerity of the people, or debouched through the capitalistic greed that is so prevalent in this country. This holiday was originally founded on the fact that there is not enough sincere love existing in this world.

Primary examples of this world's suppositions of beholding the basic concepts and principals of "love thy brother" are exibited in such holidays as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. In our "land of plenty" the businessmen pour huge sums of money into advertising the so-called "bargains" on food, clothes, automobiles, greeting cards, household utensiles, etc., all the while knowing that Mr. American with his need to be recognized by his fellow men and already determined gullabillity, is willing to go into each consecutive year to play the businessman's game of "go for broke". At the same time the community's religious ministers and laymen are pounding from their pulpits Christ's concepts of love and brotherhood among all men. Remember, while the religious leaders are preaching, our populous is haggling, and thinking of ways to bestow their brotherly love to the material goods that they wish to procure so that they may retain their high standards of esteem in the eyes of their loved ones. I believe most of us are fully aware of the hassels of holiday shopping and the bickering and unrest that is so evident between even loved ones during the holiday periods. When we are supposed to be holding the idea in mind, that above all else, love is the factor that such a date as Valentine's Day or Christmas is observed.

The main objective to be kept in mind, is that every day the concepts of our holidays should be upheld consciously and each should do his best to help others to do the same. Every day a Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter. I wonder then if we would have any racial strife, wars; or non-decency or otherwise. May every day be a VALENTINE'S DAY!

BY: Scott Heckman

I had been asked to write an article on St. Valentine's Day for the M. P. News... But the "Day" (simply as a day) is, to me, an elusive thing at best.... While on the streets, I seldom found the time to destinguish (or at times even separate!) one day from another. While here in prison, I find that this is not necessary as all days are the same; nothing ever changes; there is nothing that is really new.

However, in retrospect, I see that St. Valentine's Day, 1971, was just a lit tle different from most of the other days in my daily life. It being a Sunday this year, we had no morning yard. This means that if you weren't too tired from the hard evening before-(Saturday night and all of that) you could get up and go to church. If you had no inclination to go to church (and very few, at best, in institutions do) then you had but one choice left: Lay around in your cell. The afternoon proved to be truly exciting, especially when compared it to the morn ing. We had a wonderful movie scheduled at our local theatre. The movie " Cool Hand Luke " starring Paul Newman, was an extremely fine flick. It was later shown on the following day - Monday.

To further destinguish the day, I received a "Valentine" (something that I hadn't even heard of since the sixth grade in school). I can only say that that thought (the thought that someone still cares) meant more than all else. I guess that I must say that the day was worth it, and can only close with the thought of: "Who was St. Valentine? Why was or has He 'got' a day? Was he really a Saint?"

BY: JOHN - JOHN

At 7:00 A.M., on the 21st Valentine's Day of his life. Richard Powell was a sleep in his bunk, not about to get up for chow. Why should he? although it was a holiday, nothing special was going to happen to him. For him, Holidays lost th eir Importance on the day he entered Montana.State Prison. He doesn't really understand why it's a Holiday. When he was young it was a day for exchanging brightly colored cards with his friends, now there are no cards, all of the friends are still there but they don't exchange cards either,. He has always believed that holidays were supposed to be enjoyed, no matter what age you are. But somehow being in this place puts a damper on your Holiday spirit.

I guess you could say that the Great St. Valentine's Day Massacre took place again this year.

BY: " HAYSTACK"

STATE AAU OPEN HWY CHAMPION

Gary La Mere

The Montana State Prison has [illegible] to it's program of sports for this year. Gary LaMere [illegible], battled his way to two Unanimous Decisions at the Helena [illegible] on February 6th, and the Heavy-weight crown. Gary got revenge [illegible] defeat by Darvel Vicors of Havre, by scoring a Unanimous Decision in his first bout. Darvel is the only fighter in the state to score [illegible] this year. In the finals for the Heavy-weight crown, Gary defeated [illegible] in another Unanimous Decision. It is the second time in a row that [illegible] carrying the coveted Hwy. Crown. Gary and his older brother, [illegible], have now dominated the Hwy. Championship for the past six years.

SPORTS

BOXING

"GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP"

The boxing program at the prison is in full swing. The leather really flew during the month of January. The inside held three boxing matches. The first bout in January, had teams from Butte, Anaconda, Helena, Havre, and the prison boxing team. There were sixteen bouts altogether, with one exibition between Al Charlo of the prison and Doc Jordon of Butte.....These two fighters had fought each other eleven years ago. Doc showed some fancy footwork, and Al got in one good blow at the end of the first round, when he came up behind Doc and tapped him gentely in the middle of the back. The prison team won only two out of the nine bouts that they had, as the competition proved to be very experienced. Sam Thigh came back from being knocked down in the first round to score a split decision over Dave Jany of Butte. The only other fighter to score a victory, was a T.K.O. recorded by Jack La Mere over Dennis Richens of Butte.

The next competition for the inside boxing team came from Polson and Missoula. Out of the eleven bouts that were held....the prison team won five of them. Dan Dunn and Shannon Bentley put the gloves on for the first time this season, and both boxers recorded knock outs over their opponents.....The other three winners were, Gary La Mere, Sam Thigh, and Billy Baker. The final fight, even though lost by a split decision, was one of the best of the evening. Marvin Camel of the Polson boxing club, decisioned Campbell in a real crowd pleaser. Both fighters fought well, and they received a nice ovation from the audience and the fighters themselves.

The final bouts held in the Clark Theatre, found the outside boxers once again walking away with the most victories.....The prison team could only come up with two victories out of eight bouts.....Jack La Mere won a Unanimous Decision over Alton Rozelle, and Billy Baker recorded his first knockout of the season, in a very impressive fight over Mike Gray of Helena.

The future bouts to come look very promising at this time. The Jaycee's are working out a schedule to have a tournament between all the teams in the state. They are getting together with the administration and working out all the detail that will have to be met.. Trophies will be awarded to the first place winners, and a runner-up trophy will also be given.....It will be held on the latter part of March or the first part of April. We will keep you posted as to the results of the outcome and who shall be coming in, in the next issue of the M.P. News.

"Gordie" Wilkins
SPORTS EDITOR

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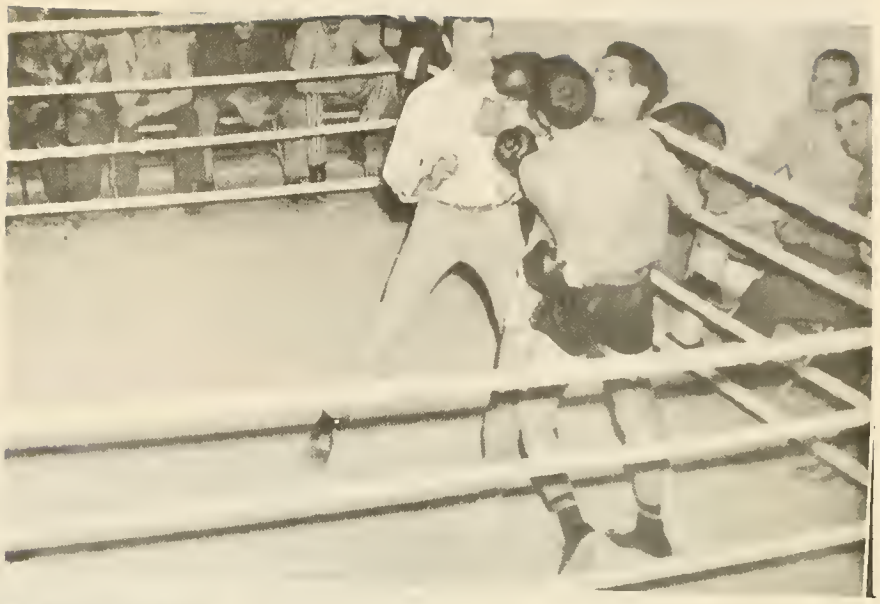

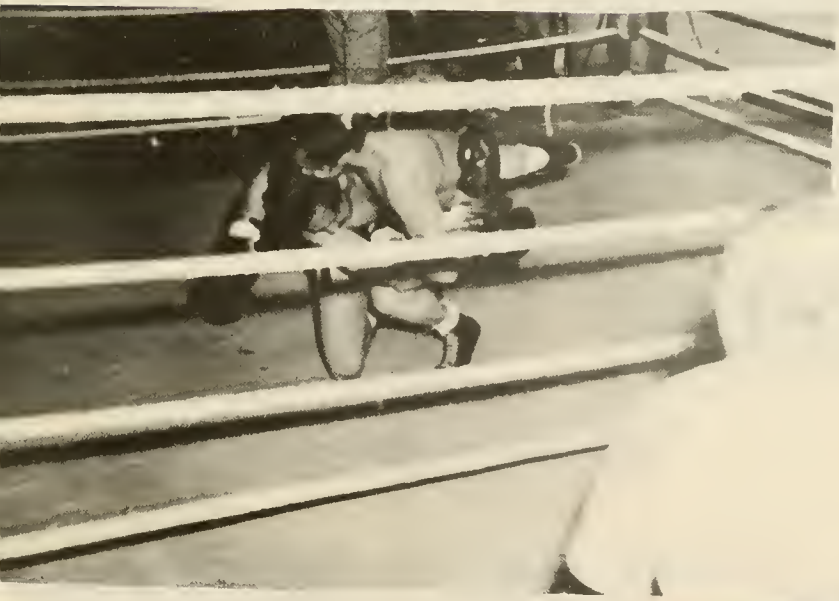

"ANY-THING GOES IN THIS
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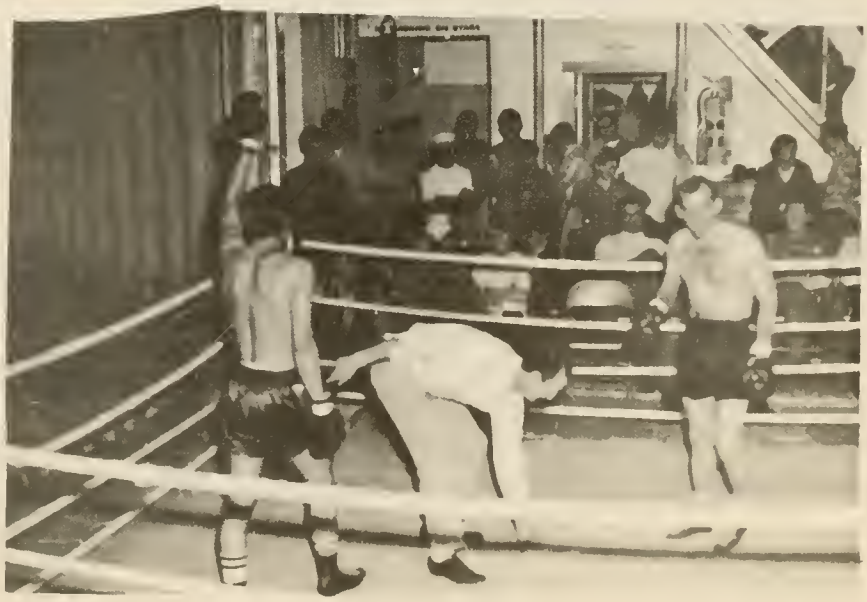

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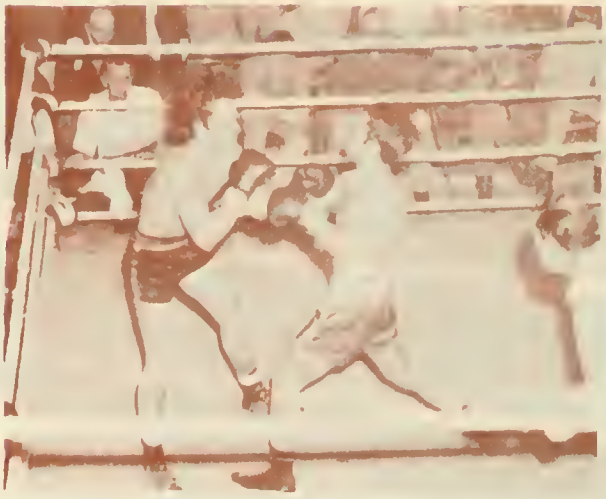
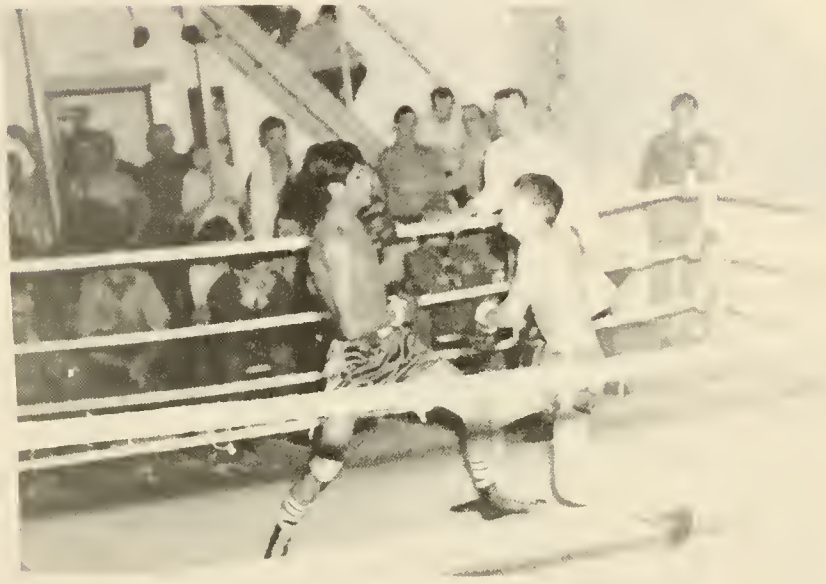


Ole Danny's flashing hands speeds to a crowding pleasing thunder of hands. Danny's flash exhibits his fine talents in the art of boxing.

Sam Thigh is once again showing his finer points as he smiles away to a inner. Sam's thundering hands is DANGER. Ouch!! ...LE.....

LEFT: Clifford [illegible] receivi[illegible] retire[illegible] award trophy in a[illegible]preciation for all [illegible] outsta[illegible]ding years of boxing.



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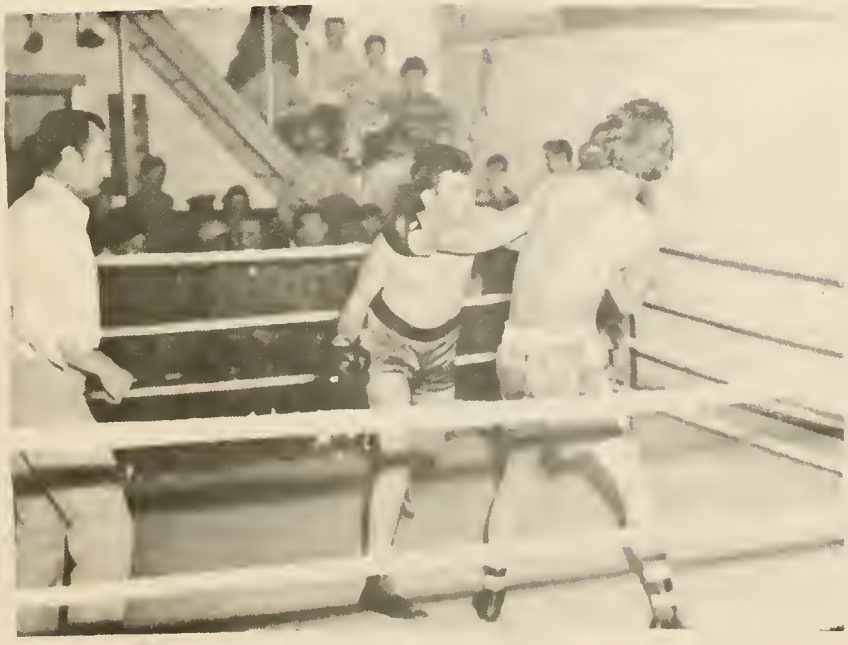

LEFT: Larry Lakota Highwine in a spectacular thunderfest with Nick Morris. Morris got it by a very finely split decision.

SHERIFFS–MIDDLEMAS & KRSUL ANSWER INMATES QUESTIONS

KRSUL

MIDDLEMAS

The following article was made possible by the consent of Sheriff Krsul, of Great Falls, and Sheriff Middlemas of Helena. The article is designed to help clear up some questions on the Half-way Houses through out the state, and there functionings in there own areas. There will be some basic questions about the relationship of law enforcement officers and ex-cons. It is all designed to give the reader a general idea of the over-all process of the Half-way Houses and the men who leave the prison. Also what they have to look forward to upon there release from the Montana State Prison. To save time, the answers to the questions that both men gave, will by typed together. We of the M.P. News Staff wish to thank both Sheriff Krsul, and Sheriff Middlemas, for there time in making this article possible. It will be done in a question and answer form.

Question : What do you think the publics opinion is about the work furlough program?

Middlemas: I can't speak for other Sheriff's in the State, but I do know that the publics opinion here in Lewis and Clark County is very favorable.

Krsul : Generally, the ones that I have talked to, are in favour of it. If the citizens new completely about it, they would be in favour of it. I think it's a very good program.

Question : Can you give us a run down of the requirements of inmates in your custody that are on the work program, and what are there privileges; as far as there families are concerned, visiting hours, and what do they do on there days off?

Middlemas: None of them, that I have had, are married at this time, but if they were, I would not object to them spending time with there wive's and children. We house them in the basement and are facilities, at this time, are lacking for this type of program. I hope to improve them in time. They aren't locked up at night, but they are behind the bars that are on the outside door. They can come and go as they want,.....as I tell them when they come, they are on the honor system. I'm not going to be going around looking down there necks,although I am very strict when it comes to drinking. They understand this, and on there time off, they are free to go shopping downtown, and visit there people. We do

have rules that we expect them to obey, and they do. When they come in, they can eat anytime, as we have coffee and pastries available all the time. They can fix there own T.V. Dinners as well. I think part of the success of this program is to show these fellows some trust, and let them run there own lives. By this, it has worked out very well for us.

Krsul : What we do here, is we run quite lose, and those on the program are trusted. We do let them visit more than those in the bull pen. On Christmas Day, we talk with the Judges, and have it arranged so they can stay with there families.

Question : Do you feel that the work furlough program will expand?

Krsul : Well, it should expand and should be a lot larger than it is. I think it's the only corrective measure available at this time. It helps to keep his family together, and through this it is of great value.

Middlemas: I think it will. I understand, although I can't say for certain, that there has been some resistance to it from other sheriffs in the State. I do feel though that when they become more awareeof this program, that they will become interested in it.

Question : Do you think, eventually, work furlough houses could be erected or a program set up, where the individuals could live with there families?

Middlemas: Yes I do, absolutely!! I will go a step further and say that it appears to me, from what I have seen, parole and probation are two of the brightest hopes that we have in dealing with this whole system of correction.

Krsul : There seems to be movements towards this direction. I would be in favour of something like this, because he has to maintain his position in the society after his release.

Question : What is your opinion about the half-way houses in the state, and do you feel they are accomplishing some good?

Krsul : They are doing good. I think they should be expanded, as it's pretty hard for an individual to come into a city with Twenty-five dollars in his pocket, and if he can go some place and receive help and guidance, it's a wonderful idea.

Middlemas: The theory of the half-way house is fine, there's no doubt about that at all. In actual practice though, it hasn't worked out so well though, although I hesitate to condemn it. It does give a place for the person who has a drinking problem to go for correction and help. I think that the half-way house is more expensive in dealing with the individual than the jail here is. At this time I don't know if the half-way house is more effective than a short sentence in jail would be. The biggest thing that an ex-con needs, is to have some friendliness and faith shown him that he will not be thrown back into prison at the first available chance. I hate to admit it but I'm sure that some officers in the past have imposed on these releasee's, and made life real unpleasant for them, and caused them to lose faith in human nature.....When they do get an officer or some offical that does care, it really makes a difference to them.

Question : Why are just a select few chosen for work furlough, while others with good prison records are rejected when they have spent more time inside preparing themselves for the chance for work furlough?

Middlemas: First of all....I believe that those who have been placed on the work furlough program, to be very carefully screened by the Parole Board, The Warden, and the administration at the prison. If they feel that the individual is suitable for this program,

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that's good enough for me. I am limited here though to the room that I have. At the present time, I don't have the facilities to handle to many individuals on this program.

Krsul : We would have to be selective here in that, #1...We haven't got very much room and can be receptive to only a very few people. #2..We have to watch the element that people who have been involved with the individual, that is desiring to get out, possibly could create a problem for the individual while he is here in Great Falls. This would nessitate the need to send the individual back to prison,...which we don't want to do. #3..This is a new program and were trying it out. We want to be selective here again in that the publicity would be for this program and not against it.

Question : The object of prison reform has long been used as a political issue, and it is believed by many, that this program is politically orientated. Do you think that it is politically orientated?

Krsul : Speaking in behalf of Cascade county, definetly not! It's not politically orientated, we would be receptive to any individual. We don't care who he is, rade, color, religion, or political affiliations. This doesn't mean anything to us, as were not interested in polotics.

Middlemas: It certainly isn't in this county. That would have no effect on me or my thinking whatsoever!!

Question : How do you think that the work furlough program could be furthered across the state? Do you think there will ever be an inter-state pact that would allow states to trade work furlough participants? What would be your stand on this issue.....if we could work out such a program?

Middlemas: Those of us who have tried it, we could carry out the message to other sheriff's in the state. As people read about it and became aware of the usefulness of this program and it's merits, they will be more receptive to it. I would favour an interstate pack very highly, and I would give all the assistance that I'm able to do.

Krsul : I would be much in favour of maybe making district jails, and to make them better and closer to populated areas.....These young people, then could be absorbed into the community, and work and have better type working conditions and schooling. I think here in Cascade County, we have more to offer than the Penitentary itself; because we could have individuals here and they could be easily receptive to jobs, which is a great problem, and we have many jobs around an area like Great Falls. As far as going inter-state,.....we have no objections. If a man came through the state, and committed a crime and sent to the Prison, and he had affiliations in another state....I would be in favour of sending him back to his home area.

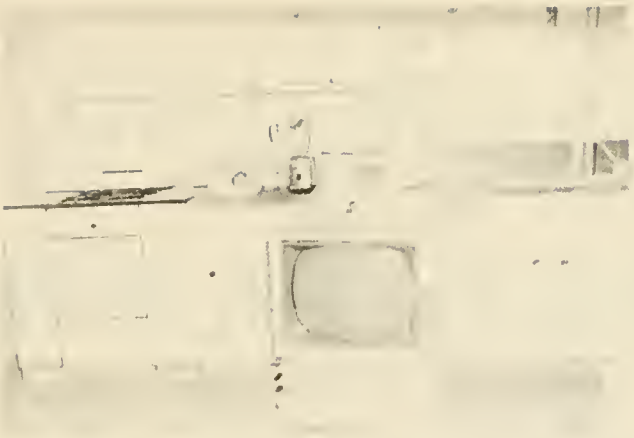
Question : What is your views on first offenders for drugs and what do you feel is an appropriate sentence?

Krsul : Well, the first offender on drugs in Cascade County, uses a deffered sentence system, which I think is a good idea. If you were to send the first offenders to prison for drug abuse, you would have to build a lot more institutuions.

Middlemas: My feeling is that the first offender should be given probation or a deferred sentence.....I would be very hard on the pusher or seller, as I know of the "DAMAGE" that he causes.

Question : Do you feel an"ALLOUT" war on drugs will curb the drug problem?

Middlemas: No I don't. Some will disagree though. I have been to many sessions on this same question. It is my opinion, that this pro-



blem is a product of our time.....It's a product of our way of life...Until we change that.....I don't see much hope to do much about this drug problem.

Krsul : You have to go to the source of supply first. Are money should be expended towards this area. I'm sure it's not going to stop it, but you'll put a "krimp" in it.

Question : Is it true that law enforcement officers feel that there should be a tightening up "of paroles?"

Krsul : Talking to many law enforcement officers....many law enforcement officers have the attitude, when an individual commits a crime, to throw him over there for 99 years.....and give him bread and water. It's to bad there is this kind of feeling, but it is disappearing.....I think your Senior law enforcement officers are getting into more of a corrective measure.....There starting to see the light, that the institution isn't to be used only as a punishment type of thing, but there has to be corrections.

Middlemas: No I don't. I do think and most officers think, that there should be more men put on parole and probation, then there are. There should be a terrific strengthening in the Parole Program to provide better supervision. In other words to put it simply, more parole officers, and a smaller case load. Then these officers could get around more and see what these men are doing and visit with them, and give them a hand if they have any problems.

Question : Do you feel that a full time Parole Board at the Montana State Prison, could curb the Parole Violation problem and bring about a better understanding for all concerned?

Krsul : This field is large, and it should be expanded. The parole set up should be no better than the individual themselves that they hire. These individuals have to be trained and become good councellors. When an individual is in need of assistance, he should be able to comply with what ever assistance is necessary. This would save money.....and could possibly correct more people than what has been corrected in the past.

Middlemas: Yes, I think it probably could.

Question : What is your opinion of the present rehabilitation system in Montana, and how do you feel we could improve it?

Middlemas: My opinion, on the present rehabilitation system has done very well. I think we could improve it by making study on it at the college level, more than it is now. I'm not really pleased with the present rehabilitation programs, but I'm not blaming anyone. I realize that a shortage of appropriations is responsible for most of it.....I think if everyone had a chance such as Warden's

and Sheriff's....but to a lessor extent, and if we had a little more money and facilities to work with, we could do a much better job.

Krsul : Well there's many movements and your seeing more people involved with the rehabilitation of the individuals.....I think it needs publicity, concentration, half-way houses, and any area that is going to assist the individual when he comes out.

Question : Do you think there should be a better understanding between law enforcement officers and the ex-cons?

Krsul : Many law enforcement officer's have a divided line between individuals that are nailed with a crime, and it has to be broken. The objective here, is to help the individual and not the idea to give him the bread and water and 99 years routine. This is a bad situation, and exists all over the world. We, here, will help any individual regardless of the crime....Just because the individual committed a crime, it's mot our position to go down on him and forget that he's a human being. This is the attitude that has to be changed. The cons have an idea that many law enforcement officers are on the other side of the fence, therefore there scared to associate with us, that we have nothing in common, in fact were against them. Surprisingly, there are many law enforcement officers that are not this way, that's for sure.

Middlemas: Yes, there could, a great deal. There are those though that as they see a parolee, or an ex-con, they become suspicious. They harras him as much as they can, just to get him to leave town or the county. This is not right, and I feel that the relationship between them is lacking....I do feel though, that the way things are changing now, and the new people that are coming into the offices, have an understanding to this problem. There are new philosophies that are taking the place of the hardnose polocies.

Question : What do you know about the prison programs and their purpose in rehabilitation, and do you think a better knowledge of the prison by the Judges and County Attorney's, would help in determining the sentences and convictions?

Krsul : Education helps any problem, and if it's education that is desired to have the Judges and Attorney's all go to the penitentary I feel that it would help....They are men of the field and there advise and observations would be of a great help.

Middlemas: I know nothing about the programs going on over at the prison. I understand there is one.....and I wish Warden Estelle all the luck in the world. My relations with the Prison should be better than they are. In the past 10 to 12 years, I haven't been there and I don't know what they are doing. If the Judges and County Attorney's were to go over there.....there's no doubt in my mind that they would get a better understanding of what is going on. One of our District Judges went over there about five years ago, and spent a day going through it. He game back greatly enlightened.....A program set up for the Judges and Attorney's would be of great value and help in the understanding and conditions of the prison. However, I want to say, that the Judges and Attorney's are reluctant to send anybody over there, and not because it's a bad place, but there aware and enlightened as to the problems involved. They want to give all a chance to correct themselves. If they were to go on a tour, they should eat there and talk with the inmates, and see the conditions. This would lead into a better understanding....and a better relationship between all those involved.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH CRITICISM
HE LEARNS TO CONDEMN.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH HOSTILITY
HE LEARNS TO FIGHT.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH RIDICULE
HE LEARNS TO FEEL SHY.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH SHAME
HE LEARNS TO FEEL GUILTY.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH TOLERANCE
HE LEARNS TO BE PATIENT.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH ENCOURAGEMENT
HE LEARNS CONFIDENCE.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH PRAISE
HE LEARNS TO APPRECIATE.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH FAIRNESS
HE LEARNS JUSTICE.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH SECURITY
HE LEARNS TO HAVE FAITH.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH APPROVAL
HE LEARNS TO LIKE HIMSELF.

IF A CHILD LIVES WITH ACCEPTANCE AND FRIENDSHIP
HE LEARNS TO FIND LOVE IN THE WORLD.

PRISON ISN'T A WASTE OF TIME. A LOT OF KID'S COME OUT LEARNING A TRADE

Father Gregori Presents:

this way Half-way House

The half-way house in Great Falls, is located at 121 Commercial Ave. The building was loaned to the program by the Cascade County Commissioners for as long as they want to continue the program.

The program started originally as part of the Great Falls Council on alcholism. This is a group of people that are interested in the problem of alcholism. This consists of alcholics and other interested people of the community. Their idea was to establish a house that would be made available to individuals with an alcholic problem and to help them re-adjust to the society. often times the men coming from the A. T. & C. Program at Galen. This being a treatment center there at Galen and then coming here to adjust. As the program developed it began to spread into other areas. There was a need for those coming out of the prison for a place to stay. Many men coming out of the A. T. & C. were at the prison previously to their treatment at Galen. The program has expanded and a number of men have been paroled from Deer Lodge to the half-way house as a home plan; and a place where they could stay until they get employment.

The House has taken care of a number of men since it's been opened. At the present time, there 22 men staying at the House, and at times it has surpassed 28, depending on the need.

Through this being set up for the men, it was also noted that there was a need for a half-way house for the women also. During the past year this became an eventuality. At the present time there are six women in the women's half-way house. As time goes on, this will also possibly be expanded.

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At the present time the house is under the Directorship of Paul Davis. He is very capable for the position. He wax an alcholic and had served time in the Montana State Prison, as well as other institutions. With this background he is more than able to help the men cope with the problems they have and to help them handle the situation. He helps them make whatever adjustments are needed to help them in their employment, job interviews, obtaining physicals, etc....

The half-way house is not directly funded by any organization as such. The Alcholic Council were instrumental in getting furnishings and also providing the initial money to put the house in operation. Donations come in at various times from various individuals; this may be financial, donations of food, etc....

Many of the men that are in the house are under the Vocational Rehabilitation and as such they would be allowed two month board and room at the house. This helps to operate the house but doesn't come near to what we need to effectively operate it.

Paul Davis has the assistance of Jim Fleming at the half-way house in Great Falls. Jim has considerable knowledge with the working of half-way houses, alcholics, and those released from prison. Gail Peterson is assisting in this program also.

The half-way house is also known as the "Providence House" in that mainly one of the instrumental founders of the house was Sister Providencia, who was on the original council. She has continued to support the house, for this reason the house was called "Providence House." The work that she has done intthe alcho lic program, as well as helping men in there release from custodial institutions no matter where they may be has been absolutely wonderful.

There is a possibility of a new program being inaugurated in Great Falls. It is still in the talking stages, and will involve the half-way house and the Yoke Fellow Prison Ministry group here in Great Falls. It is felt that if there two groups combine, rather than have two separate houses, and work out a program, where both their objectives may be incorporated into one program. This will be based on the Waylift Program which is being inaugurated in Helena. The idea of this program is that the half-way houses are to be staffed by men who are ex-felons. The philosophy behind it is that they are most familiar with the situation of a man when he leaves the prison. They can speak the same language and and understand the problems the man is facing. In this regard them, they would provide housing, spiritual counciling, and help in those areas that are important to the person in adjusting to the environment. They will also help the person while he is in prison in that they will help set up a pre-parole program., one program or another area in which there is a need for concern is what about the family of the man while he is in prison. Who is going to help them in time of need if there are problems. Say a man isn't hearing from his family, we can contact them, etc...

The Waylift Program and Half-way House invisions the help of women counselors to help. It will be their purpose to visit the man's wife and family, and find out how things are going, and to relate any information that may be needed to help in whatever can be done. They are women who have had problems with the law and are rehabilitated. They will be like the men counsellors in that they have been in the same situations.

The attitude of the community towards the half-way house is one of gradual awareness. They are becoming aware of what it's program is and what the importance of this program is. The support is increasing, but alot more has to be done in this area. Another point to consider is the attitude of Law Enforcement in the area. The Sheriff of Cascade County definitely is in favour of the program and a supporter of it. The Parole Officer's realize the importance of it, for

the man who is on parole. The attitude of the city police is rather varied.Their main concern is not so much that the house exists, but that it may attract too many men with records to come to Great Falls, and thereby increase the problems.

However, this point is not a valid one since the men in the house take a great deal of pride in it. They are concerned about it's welfare and functioning The men that are there will talk to a new person coming in and if there is a chance of this person getting into trouble, they will help him find out what the reason is, and provide the support for him and keep him out of further trouble. When a man comes to the half-way house, it is his home for as long as he needs it,.With this sense, it brings a feeling of belonging and responsibility. It is going to work by the men who are involved and taking on the responsibilities involved.

The question now is for the man who is in prison and coming up for parole to make the proper arrangements. Most important, is to contact the Vocational Rehabilitation man at the prison. This is to indicate that he is considering the the half-way house in his parole plan. Mr. Lee will then make the proper arrangements for the individual. Contact might also be made through members of the Great Falls Yokefellow group, who visit the prison in the Yokefellow meetings at Rothe Hall in the evenings, and the inside in the afternoons, They can give word to Mr. Davis, who can start work at his end. One might write directly to Paul Davis at the half-way house in regards to requirements. If they were trying to get a job or have secured one in Great Falls, they can tell Mr. Kennison there that he wishes to stay at the half-way house. Then he can make the necessary contacts here for the arrangements.

If people are interested in perhaps donations to the half-way house or in the work, contact may be made with the half-way house either through the manager Paul Davis or through the Council at the half-way house. Information will then be relayed to them as to the needs of the house, financially, food, or whatever the need may be.

One of the advantages of the half-way house is that it provides a homelike atmosphere. Various programs are arranged with the House. The A.A. groups meet at the house once a week. One of the members of the Board, Pastor Borgie, who is the Chaplain at the Deaconess Hospital, conducts weeklygroup therapy sessions with the men and has proved helpful. Individual therapy is also available through Sister Providencia, Rev. Albanese, and myself.

As we can already see and with them, the half-way house will become an important factor in the rehabilitation of the inmate an those involved with it's programs. We wish to thank Father Gregori for his time in making this article available and if there are any questions concerning anything left out, he will be down at the institution from time to time, and you may get into contact with him then, or see the Social Service Department and Mr. Lee.

Concha Katrina

As free as the soft breeze of the cool wind; was Concha Katrina.
The purity of her innocent soul like the snow whiteness of angels.
The love she gave forth is as the air you breath.
Her knowledge so innocent, so young, like freedom freed, she lived.

"Connie", was born to live a life of love and freedom.
She cried, she laughed, she sorrowed, she loved. Always fulfilling,
Eternal was her presence, as laughter and love filled the air.
Her smile was tender with happiness and joy.

She lived as she smiled; satisfaction and contentment.
Simple was her joy in life, for she lived.
Not her's to know the taste of bitterness and hate.
Love is her life, life is her love.

Suddenly and finally, her life ended. Violently.
By the force of metal colliding and crushing.
It was a day of happiness gone and joy no more.
Her smile faded.....as her life stilled.....

I cried with bitterness, cursed God and people.
With intensive emotions mixed, I asked: WHY? WHY??
God! Why, Why did you? How can you? Why???????
Man! Don't ever cross my way, your path is doomed.

People tell me, "Concha Katrina, loved all people,
It is not yours to hate and judge,"Live and let live."
With bitterness I smiled, said; "Connie my love, fear not!
Love is it's own avenger." And people, that is my answer.

"LaKOta"

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